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RE: Concerns to Senate 2820 as Amended

Honorable Chairpersons:

The Union Body of Winthrop Police Department is writing to express our outrage over the potential stripping of necessary police protections offered through Qualified Immunity.

We respectfully ask that you do not give in to the misinformed perception of many who are the loudest in the public arena and stand strong with good police officers across the Commonwealth who put our lives on the line daily as we try to maintain order. Society as a whole has become litigious and without qualified immunity police officers and municipalities will find themselves defending frivolous lawsuits which will ultimately send the message to police officers not to be proactive within their community. Qualified Immunity is here to protect good proactive police officers who are only interested in using reasonable means to exercise their police discretion.

Respectfully,

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